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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT : Justification for Photographic Coverage of Two Highest
Priority Targets: SEVEROMORSK and MOLOTOVSK

1. In presenting the attached justification for instituting operations against SEVEROMORSK and MOLOTOVSK, the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee is aware of the fact that the latest justification presentation to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and to the President did not include these two targets. The list submitted at that time (just prior to the operation against KAPUSTIN YAR) is as follows:

KAPUSTIN YAR
NIZHNAYA TURA
VERKH NEIVINSK
KYSHTYM
SARATOV/ENGELS
UKRAINA
CHEPELEVKA
BELAYA TBERKOV
VORONEZH
KUYBYSHEV
KAZAN

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2. It should be explained that the climate in which that justification was prepared was conditioned by the existence of an AQUATONE capability

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The presentation in that case, therefore,

in itself was not intended to contain any judgment whatsoever with regard to

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the comparative importance of these two targets

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4. Recommendation:

a. That an AQUATONE mission or missions as required be carried out to provide photographic coverage of MOLOTOVSK and SEVEROMORSK prior to October 22, 1957.

b. That the attached justification be employed as necessary to outline to higher authorities the significance and probable collection consequences of the proposed overflight.